

Kiss Kitty Brudz & Etti &
Betty's dog for me and
believe me

Ever yours loving
Papaw.

Int Hamilton
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Sarah Bruden

Dear Sella:

Matthew tells me you
have a cough. I hope
you will soon get well
so you can go to
school. When you
do, you must do
whatever the teacher
tells you to do & you
must learn all your
lessons and learn them
well.

Little Bob that you
used to play with so
much has gone away.
He joined the Artillery
and went away with
Capt Arnold and Lt
Rawley. So we hear
neither the Bob with
the long hair nor
the one with a short
tail. One went away
in the car, and the

other in a ship. We made
a good deal more fun
over the departure of the
short tailed Bob than
the long haired one, but
for all that, every body
liked the long haired Bob
the best, and all the
people in the fort
want him to come
back again; and I
am sure I hope he
will be very soon.